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Wednesday March 18th /89/
0:40 in cove

(Monument Hall Route / trip)

at 9:35 a.m. I went in the cove to get some tools to work on the spring with, which situated just South of A.M. Willards spring, and went the Monument Hall Route. It is just one year since I made my first trip in the cove, going a little beyond the Orchard on the Bee Hive Route & thought I had seen the most of the Wind Caves but have learned better since that time. The spring is getting stronger as one goes farther in the bank (to the North) but needed to put a shot in the rock in order to work it. The spring seems to come out of a crevice in the rock, that is filled mostly with live & dead roots. We found some excellent pottery clay while digging for the vein of water.

Thursday March 19th /89/

I put up the notices for two stone claims down the gulch this morning & have 4 or 5 more notices to put up tomorrow, on the South end of the quarter right. When I got home & got my dinner eat (a slim article in these days), Mr. J. C. West of Beaver Valley was here on a visit. I went home with him to look up some placer & found signs of placer gold. I got home about 8:30 P.M. Cloudy weather

Friday March 20th /89/

I wrote several notices for stone claims & wrote a letter to grandmother this forenoon. Elmer went to town about noon & will stay in town tonight. I put up 5 notices for stone claims this afternoon. We have had a high wind from the north west all day and all night last night.